



AT "HIGH SOCIETY" PREMIERE... Guests at the invitational world premiere of "High Society" held Wednesday evening at the Hollywood Pantages included Mayor and Mrs. Albert Isen, shown here with MGM Starlet Myrna Hansen (left) and R. Larry Pringle (right), president of the Hollywood Improvement Assn. Mayor is wearing his wide-brimmed dedication hat, official uniform for city officials next week end.



HERALD STAFF AT PREMIERE... Joining other guests at the invitational world premiere of "High Society" in Hollywood Wednesday night were members of the HERALD staff. Shown here (left to right) are MGM Starlet Myrna Hansen, HERALD Editor Reid Bundy and Mrs. Bundy, R. Larry Pringle of the Hollywood Improvement Assn., Miss Edna Cloyd, HERALD society editor, and her brother, Marvin Cloyd, of Long Beach.

Special Test Slated For Southland Guard

One thousand members of Southern California's 40th Armored Division, including citizen-soldiers of Torrance's Company E, 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, will undergo a comprehensive one-day test during summer field training later this month, Aug. 11-26, to determine how their training measures up to that given by the Regular Army.

Maj. Gen. Homer O. Eaton, Jr., commander of the Southland National Guard organization, said the men will be put through the first three phases of a four-phase test customarily given full-time trainees by the regular forces at the end of 16 weeks of basic training.

None of the National Guardsmen tested will have received any training other than the part-time instruction offered by National Guard or reserve units.

Ordered by Army

The tests have been ordered by Continental Army Command, responsible for all Army training in the United States, on a nationwide basis. One thousand men from each National Guard division across the country will be put through the practical outdoor test during field training periods this summer, General Eaton explained.

In charge of the testing

County Office Change Backed

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's proposal that a charter amendment separating the office of county coroner from public administrator and public guardian be placed on the November ballot last week received the support of Dr. Edward C. Rose, Jr., president of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.

In a letter to County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy, Dr. Rose now stated that "we want you to know of our continued interest and willingness to cooperate in the development of the proposed amendment."

Kennedy stated that it is his intention to have the amendment ready for the Board of Supervisors to consider on Aug. 21, so as to allow time for a full policy discussion by the members before the Aug. 28 deadline for placing the matter on the ballot.

The National Guard unit maintains armories in 45 Southern California communities as headquarters and training centers for its 111 company-sized units.

Pete Set For Pedro Class

First reunion for members of the summer class of 1943, San Pedro High School, will be held Sept. 22 at the Palos Verdes Country Club, alumni have announced.

A dinner and dance will take up the main share of the reunion's program. John Winkler's band will provide music.

Invitations now are being mailed out and ex-classmates are urged to contact the following persons if they fail to receive an invitation with in the next week: Mrs. Preston Sharp, Mrs. Van Lisman, Richard Slingerland, Bill Johnson, Ernest Degner, Jack Samson.

Fire Course At Harbor JC

A new two-year Fire Science curriculum will be added to the curricular offerings at Harbor Junior College effective with the Fall semester, beginning Sept. 17, Hazel M. Whedon, Administrative Dean, announced today.

The purpose of the new training program, which was developed with the assistance of lay experts in the field of fire science, is to give the necessary training to professional fire fighters to perform their duties most efficiently, to prepare firemen for promotional examination, to prepare young men for a career in the fire service, and to give men in industry a better understanding and ability to cope with industrial hazards and fire fighting problems.

Dr. Davies Out of Army

William Davies, M.D., was released from military duty Wednesday and has returned to Torrance to reopen his general practice of medicine.

Pending completion of his offices at 2410 Torrance Blvd., Dr. Davies may be reached by calling FA 8-3901.

Before entering the service two years ago, Dr. Davies practiced here and was active in the Torrance Optimist Club. Mrs. Davies, also an M.D., has been employed with the school district as a doctor during his absence.

New Englanders Picnic

The New England States Society of Long Beach stages its 46th annual picnic Sunday, Aug. 12, at Bixby Park at 11 a.m. The park is located at Cherry and 1st St. in Long Beach.

Behind the Scenes

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

However one may rationalize it the steel strike, with its huge losses in production not only of steel but of all the finished goods that depend on steel, was a disaster. Even so, if one looks closely enough, one can find some crumbs of comfort:

1. Investors, and business generally, were forced to take a good long look at prospects for the rest of the year, because of the widely held view that the economy just needed a hard push to start a decline. The rising stock market since the strike began shows that most of them are more optimistic now than they were a year ago.
2. Federal Reserve credit management won its debate with office-holders who feared that credit restrictions last spring were too abrupt. Credit demand has not faded; plans for spending, both on current needs and for capital outlays, have held up strongly. In fact, Uncle Sam himself will have to pay an extra \$84 million in interest in the next 12 months on one batch of refunded securities. Obviously no one is worried about not finding employment for his money.

Last week's announcement by the Council of Economic Advisers, that gross national product in the second quarter was at a rate of \$408 billion a year, shows the economy still slanting strongly upward, although lack of materials in widening sectors of industry may make the actual figures a little lower in the current quarter.

PACKAGING ANSWER — Ever wonder why the antibiotic ointment prescribed for you by your doctor is packaged in a foldup metal tube? Well, here's the answer: Air and light, two elements most harmful to packaged products, can't enter the metal tube to contaminate ointments or destroy their potency.

The tube's popularity as a pharmaceutical package is attested by the fact that more than 100 million of these containers were used for this purpose in the first six months of this year. That's approximately 20 per cent more than in the like period of last year.

An increasing population, especially in the infant and the older-age groups, and promising antibiotics now in the testing stage, enhance the outlook for even greater use of tubes by the pharmaceutical industry.

THINGS TO COME — For only \$5.95 you can get an illuminated house number that hooks onto your bell transformer... Next winter you may need a new electric blanket; there's one now that has warmer pockets for your feet... A picnic jug has a pump to lift its contents from the bottom, giving the picnickers colder drinks... A new line of roller skates is designed for the less-than-seventy-year-old... A faucet water softener can be regenerated with common salt.

OLD SKILL REVIVED — The old-time shoemaker — the craftsman who could take a shoe from leather to foot — is back on the job. One of the nation's old shoe companies, E. E. Taylor Corp. of Freeport, Maine, has recruited 120 of the old skilled shoemakers, who make a handsome, hand-lasted footwear in 85 different shoe styles.

Millard S. Peabody, president, believes the popularity of shoes with handmade features is related to the big swing toward casual clothes, as well as the revival of interest in personal craftsmanship generally.

"People are ready for products that aren't mass-produced and exactly alike," he says.

The company's shoes use the moccasin principle of cradling the foot in a sling of soft upper leather. The upper leather goes completely around the foot, and this is hand-lasted to the middle and outer soles. Output is about 800 pairs of shoes a day, and this will be increased when workers can be found — or trained. The training takes two years or more.

FARM TURN, MAYBE — A six-month rise, slow but steady, carried farm prices at the end of June to a point 11 per cent above where they were at the year began. For the first time in four years, year-to-year comparisons show current prices better than those of the like month a year earlier.

There's still a big harvest to come this fall. Moreover, it will take more than a few profitable months to get the farm machinery and fertilizer businesses fattened up again. Still, it's been so long since the farmer has been doing anything but sliding down a long graph that he's feeling much better than he was.

Washington figures that the Democrats, who've been riding the farm-income issue for all it was worth, now face the task of convincing farmers that Ezra Taft Benson still thinks farm prices are too high and that the downward slide will be resumed next year if the Republicans are still in office.

BITS O' BUSINESS — Good growing weather sent soybean prices to new seasonal lows last week... Business failures declined to 223 in the week ending July 19, said Dun and Bradstreet... New York department store sales in the week ended July 21 were seven per cent above last year's.

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